



# PROPOSAL EVALUATION

## IRWM Grant Program – Local Groundwater Assistance, FY 2012-2013

<b>Applicant</b>	City of Santa Barbara	<b>County</b>	Santa Barbara
<b>Project Title</b>	City of Santa Barbara Groundwater Management Plan	<b>Grant Request</b>	\$ 248,800.00
		<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$ 395,440.00

**Project Description:** The Proposal develops a groundwater management plan to provide framework for improved groundwater management, maintenance of groundwater levels, and protection of groundwater quality to ensure the long-term groundwater supply reliability of the Foothill Basin.

### Evaluation Summary:

Scoring Criterion	Score
GWMP or Program	3
Technical Adequacy of Work to be Performed	4
Work Plan	10
Budget	3
Schedule	5
QA/QC	3
Past Performance	5
Geographical Balance	0
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>33</b>

- **GWMP or Program:** The City is submitting this application to develop a Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) for the Foothill and Santa Barbara basins within 2 years of the scheduled resolution to prepare. The City states its intent to adopt a GWMP in their 2011 Long-Term Water Supply Plan and commits to the development and adoption of a GWMP in the City's 2010 UWMP. Excerpts from these two documents are provided as documentation of intent.
- **Technical Adequacy of Work to be Performed:** The criterion is addressed but is not thoroughly documented. The project is to develop a groundwater management plan (GWMP). The quality and usefulness of the information to be collected and the GWMP to be produced from the data is described. The City will collaborate with USGS on groundwater monitoring and groundwater studies as they are already partnered on the development of the Multiple Objective Optimization Model (MOOM). Outside of this, the applicant does not list who the other stakeholders would be in terms of local agencies, though it was noted that they will outreach and gather input for the Groundwater Management Plan from private landowners and local surveyors. Future funding for the GWMP will come from City revenues and additional grant funding may be pursued for future projects. The applicant lists several past efforts in support of groundwater management, but doesn't describe how these efforts are evidence of collaboration by the City with other local public agencies.
- **Work Plan:** The criterion is fully addressed with thorough and well-presented documentation. The work plan presented has sufficient data to function as the scope of work. Table 1 correlates the required, voluntary, and suggested components of a GWMP with the proposed tasks in the work plan. The scope of the project, as well as the purpose, goals, and objectives are presented in the work plan. The work plan tasks are consistent with the project budget and schedule. The tasks are reasonable for completing the project. The work plan describes how the tasks relate to improved groundwater management and relation to IRWM Plan Update that is currently underway. The proposal presents a sound strategy for evaluating progress and performance at each step of the project. Information dissemination to the public and stakeholders, agencies and other interested parties is thoroughly described under Task 3.3, 7.2 and 10. CEQA compliance and other permitting is adequately described.
- **Budget:** The criterion is not fully addressed and documentation is incomplete or insufficient. The applicant is requesting \$248,800 in grant funding with \$146,640 in cost share. Grant funding will be used to pay for the consultant costs. In the non-state share funding, there is an allocation of \$50,000 but there are no tasks associated with it. There was no narrative provided to explain how labor costs were derived or how the budget was derived.



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- **Schedule:** The criterion is fully addressed with thorough and well-presented documentation. The tasks presented in the schedule match those in the budget and work plan. The project is ready to proceed in April 2013. The GWMP is proposed to be adopted in July 2014, which is less than the two years after anticipated adoption of resolution for initiation of work.
- **QA/QC:** The criterion is not fully addressed and documentation is incomplete or insufficient. The proposal did not address any specific methodologies or standards to be used in their analyses. The QA/QC plan is general, with very little detail provided. The work plan does state that the GWMP Development Team will be composed of “City Staff, consultant engineers and hydrogeologists, and other appropriate experts;” and will, at a minimum, include a licensed California Hydrogeologist and a Professional Engineer. The QA section states, “The work will be performed by a consultant who is familiar with the hydrologic and hydrogeologic setting of the Foothill and Santa Barbara Basins (page 8-1). According to the application, City staff will perform about 40% of the work. No qualifications of City staff were provided.
- **Past Performance:** The criterion is fully addressed with thorough and well-presented documentation. The applicant has been involved with seven projects over the last two years related to water management, two of which are with USGS and two with USBR. Supporting documentation is provided to show that the applicant is able to work effectively on grant funded projects.